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SUBJECT: USE OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH FACILITIES
FOR ADMINISTRATOR

1. THE MATERIAL THAT THE DEPARTMENT FORWARDS AND RECEIVES BY DIPLOMATIC POUCH IS LIMITED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTAIN ONLY OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. ITS USE FOR OTHER PURPOSES SUCH AS PERISHABLE LIQUIDS, EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, NITRATE FILM, MAGNETIC MATERIAL OR DEVICES THAT COULD AFFECT AIRCRAFT GUIDANCE SYSTEMS IS PROHIBITED.

2. THE DEPT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH SIX BOXES FROM BNDD, AMERICAN EMBASSY MADRID ADDRESSED TO MARION SAEZ - SAIC BNDD MONTERREY, UNDER REGISTRY NUMBERS 1787053 THROUGH 1787058 WEIGHING A TOTAL OF 220 LBS. FORM DS-1019 WAS COMPLETED STATING BOXES CONTAINED " OFFICIAL FILES - FORMS". THIS APPEARS TO BE A FALSE STATEMENT. THE BOXES CONTAINED HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND AMMUNITION, WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND DEPARTMENT' S REGULATIONS. THIS VIOLATION IN SHIPPING AMMUNITION THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH COULD HAVE CAUSED GRAVE INTERNATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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3. DEA IS REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT ALL DEA PERSONNEL OF THE PROHIBITION OF SHIPPING AMMUNITION AND/ OR FIREARMS THROUGH

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE VIOLATION IS NOT REPEATED. ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS BY ANY DEA OFFICER WILL REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO RESTRICT OR DENY THE USE OF THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH TO ANY DEA OFFICER SO INVOLVED.

4. DEA IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEA PERSONNEL THAT HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHOULD BE MOVED UNDER COVER OF TRAVEL ORDERS BY REGULAR COMMERCIAL FACILITIES.

5. UPON DESIGNATION OF THE PROPER DEA OFFICIAL THE AMMUNITION NOW BEING HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RELEASED.

6. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT ADVISEABLE FOR THE PROPER DEA REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ORDER TO REVIEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE AUTHORIZED USE OF THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH. IF DEA CONCURS IN THIS SUGGESTION, THE NAME OF THE DEA OFFICIAL SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO INITIATE THE NECESSARY MEETINGS. THE CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND COURIER OPERATIONS DIVISION, MR. JOSEPH S. SAGONA, WILL BE THE DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE. RUSH

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